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REGULATION
In the buſineſs of
PLATE-CARRIAGE, &c.
WITH HIS
ESTABLISHMENT
Of an Allowance for their *TABLES*,
and other Encouragements to his
SEA-COMMANDERS.

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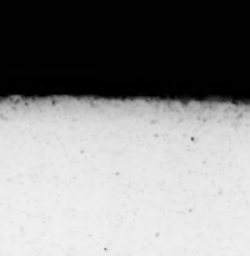

WHEREAS from the Enquiries by Us ſolemnly made (ſince Our acceſſion to the Throne of this Our Kingdom of *England*) into the State of Our Royal Navy, and the general Diſorders into which both it and it's Diſcipline have of late years fallen, We are (among the many other Evils diſcovered therein, and which We have already in great meaſure provided Remedies to) arrived at a full Information in that particular one, whereto Our Service is in a moſt eſpecial manner expoſed, from the liberty taken by Commanders of Our Ships (upon all opportunities of private profit) of converting the Service of Our ſaid Ships to their own uſe; to the total neglect of the Publick Ends for which they, at Our great Charge, are ſet forth and maintained, namely, the annoying of Our Enemies, the protecting the Eſtates of Our Trading-Subjects, and the ſupport of Our honour with Forreign Princes; And foraſ-

much alſo as this Evil ſeems principally to ariſe from the univerſal abuſe of the liberty for ſome time indulged to Our ſaid Commanders, of Tranſporting of Plate, Bullion and Jewels; to the occaſioning thereby the ſaid General miſ-employment of Our Ships, and Our want of thoſe full and frequent Accounts of the Procedings of Our Commanders abroad, which by their known Inſtructions they ſtand obliged to give Us; Our will and pleaſure is, and it is hereby ſolemnly declared.

I. That no Admiral, Commander in chief, Captain of any of Our Ships, or other Officers ſerving Us therein, ſhall preſume from henceforward upon any pretence, or by vertue of any former Allowance, Inſtruction, or Practice whatſoever, to receive, direct, or permit to be received, on board any of Our ſaid Ships, any Money, Plate, Bullion, Jewels, or other Merchandize or Goods, (fine or groſs) whatſoever, whether belonging to Strangers or Our own Subjects, either under pretext of concealing or protecting the ſame, or the Tranſporting thereof from Port to Port, or from any Forreign Port for *England*, whether upon Application to them made by any Our Merchant-Subjects in Forreign Parts, or from any other inducement whatſoever, ſaving by Written Warrant under Our own Royal hand, and that only; upon pain of being (on conviction) immediately diſcharged from their preſent, and rendred incapable of any future Employment in Our Service, as alſo of refunding to the uſe of Our maimed Seamen of the Cheſt at *Chatham*, the full value of the Profits they ſhall be found to have made by any violation of this Our Order, and of ſuffering ſuch further puniſhment, as by the Laws of the Sea, they ſhall become liable to for the ſame.

II. That none of Our aforeſaid General Officers or private Commanders ſhall (upon like forfeiture and penalties) preſume to carry, or direct the carrying any Paſſenger or Paſſengers (whether Strangers or others) of what Degree or Quality ſoever, from one Place to another, in any of Our Ships

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of War under their Command, unleſs by like particular Order given in Writing from Our ſelf for their ſo doing; ſuch only excepted, as by the Eleventh Article of our preſent General Inſtructions they are obliged to receive and give paſſage to; namely, Our Subjects redeemed from Slavery, Shipwreckt, or taken at Sea out of Forreign Ships.

III. That all Admirals and Commanders in chief of Our Ships do for the time to come take care, that as often as they ſhall have occaſion of giving Orders for the proceding of any of Our Ships under their Command on any Service, the ſame be done in Writing under their hands, with Copies thereof to be ſent by the firſt opportunity of Conveyance (by Land and Sea) to the Secretary of Our Admiralty for Our information. And that the ſame be in like manner done by the Commanders of every of Our private Ships, in Tranſmitting to our ſaid Secretary for our like Information, Copies of every Order they ſhall receive from their Admiral, Commander in chief, or other Superior Officer.

IV. That every of Our fore-mentioned Officers and Commanders reſpectively, do obſerve, that as often as Our Service requires their going into any Forreign Port, they do by the firſt Poſt after their arrival, (and ſo from Poſt to Poſt during their ſtay there) give Us (through the hand of our ſaid Secretary) a particular Account of their Proceedings, from the date of their laſt, with Abſtracts of their Journals during that time; and that care be taken for their leaving the like with Our Conſul or other publick Miniſter in that Place, to be by him forwarded to Our ſaid Secretary, by the firſt Conveyance after their departure thence; ſo as we may at all times have a conſtant and thorough knowledge of the Condition, Services, and Proceedings of all and every of Our Ships Employed on Forreign Service, with the occaſions of the ſame.

Laſtly, That at the end of each Voyage, an entire Book, containing a perfect Journal thereof, together with a Book

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of Entries to be kept of all Orders, either iſſued or received (as before) by them therein, be delivered for Our uſe to Our ſaid Secretary of the Admiralty (and ſworn to if required) by every of Our ſaid Admirals, Commanders in Chief, and private Commanders, immediately upon their coming into Port to be laid up, and before the paying off of the Ships whereto they reſpectively belong. Both which Books Our ſaid Secretary is to cauſe to be well Examined by himſelf, or ſuch other Perſon as ſhall be expreſly appointed thereto, in order to a Report to be therefrom made to Us, of the different Degrees of Care or neglect wherewith theſe and all other Our Orders ſhall appear to have been obſerved, and Our receiving full ſatisfaction from them therein, before the payment of their Wages, or the further allowance hereafter appointed in conſideration of their good Service during their ſaid Voyage.

Of all which as well every Our ſaid Admirals, Commanders in Chief, private Commanders of Our Ships, and other the Officers within mentioned, as Our preſent Secretary of Our Admiralty, and the Secretary of Our Admiralty for the time being, are hereby required to yeild full and conſtant obedience and conformity, as they will anſwer the contrary at their perils.

And to the end, that with the Proviſion thus made, towards the recovery and advancement of the Honour, Diſcipline, and Proſperity of Our Naval-Service, We may at the ſame time Teſtifie Our like Royal Inclination to the giving all reaſonable Encouragement to thoſe, who ſhall from hence-forward be employed as Commanders in any of Our Ships; thereby as well to excite and oblige them to a ſtrict complyance with theſe and all other Our Royal Reſolutions and Orders, as the better to enable them to ſupport the Charge and Dignity of their ſaid Employments and Entertainment therein, without reſorting to Methods of doing it ſo injurious to our Honour and Service, and waſteful of Our Treaſure, as thoſe before-mentioned have been; We are in the firſt place graciouſly pleaſed (in favour to Our ſaid Commanders) to take upon Our ſelf an encreaſe of

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Charge, beyond what has ever hitherto been at any one time done by any of Our Royal Predeceſſors, namely, by granting (as We hereby do) to the Commanders of every of Our Ships and Veſſels (Yachts only excepted) an annual Allowance (over and above the value of the Victualling they now enjoy in common with their Ship's Companies) for the ſupport of their Tables, proportioned to the reſpective Rates of the Ships and Veſſels they ſhall happen ſeverally to Command; the ſaid allowance to commence upon thoſe of Our Ships which are now fitting forth, and ſhall at any time hereafter be fitted forth to the Seas, from the date and delivery of their Commanders and Signing Officers joynt Certificate to the Secretary of Our Admiralty, and Commiſſioners of Our Navy, of their Ships being compleatly fitted for the Sea, and in readineſs to Execute Our final Orders for their Sailing; and upon ſuch of Our Ships as are at this preſent abroad, from the day of their Commanders receiving from Our ſaid Secretary (which he is with all convenient ſpeed to diſpatch to them) Copies of this Our Order; and to be continued both on the one and the other to the Determination of their reſpective Voyages.

The value of which allowance hereby ſo granted is as follows,

A Table of the Annual Allowance of a Sea-Commander of each Rate.

Rate	Preſent Wages.			Preſent Victualling.			Additional Grant for his Table.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1	273	15	0	12	3	4	250	0	0
2	219	00	0	12	3	4	200	0	0
3	182	00	0	12	3	4	166	5	0
4	136	10	0	12	3	4	124	5	0
5	109	10	0	12	3	4	100	0	0
6	91	00	0	12	3	4	83	0	0

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Wherein Our Royal Intention is, that this allowance for Tables granted to Our ſaid Commanders, as Captains of Private Ships, ſhall not be conſtrued to the taking away or diminiſhing ought of what has been heretofore Eſtabliſhed to Flag Officers, upon account of their Flags.

And that We may yet the more effectually excite to a vigorous proſecution of Our Service, ſuch of Our ſaid Commanders, as ſhall be by Us employed in Our Wars with any of the people of *Barbary*, (ſuch as that wherein We now are, and have, to the great Expence of Our Treaſure and hazard to Our Subjects Trading into thoſe Seas, for ſeveral years been engaged with thoſe of *Sally*) We are graciouſly pleas'd farther to grant to ſuch Our Commanders the full benefit of all Prizes, (both Hulls, Furniture, Lading and Slaves) that ſhall be by them taken, whether of Ships of VVar, or Merchant Men, ſaving only the Veſſels of Our Subjects happening to have fallen into the hands of ſuch Our Enemies; In which caſe the Salvage only of the Veſſels of Our Subjects reſcued, ſhall go to the Retakers. The whole of which forementioned Prizes and Salvage ſhall be divided between the Commander or Commanders, of ſuch Our Ship or Ships (with their Officers and Companies) as were concerned in the Chaſe and Capture of the ſaid Prizes, according to the Law and practice of the Sea. Provided always, that no part of the Charge of ſecuring or maintaining any of the Veſſels, Lading, or Companies of the ſaid Prizes, ſhall be placed to Our Account, from the day wherein the ſame ſhall be firſt brought into any Chriſtian Port, and that the ſaid Prizes be carried into Port, with as little Charge as may be to Us, and without any interruption to the Service wherein Our ſaid Ships were imployed at the time of the Capture.

Laſtly, VVe are hereby graciouſly pleaſed further to declare to all Our ſaid Admirals, Commanders in chief, and private Commanders, that as Our Royal Expectation will from henceforward be, to have a ſtrict Account given Us of their careful applying themſelves to the Execution and obſervance of theſe

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and all other Our Orders, with intention of expreſſing Our ſevereſt Diſpleaſure againſt ſuch of them (whoever they be) as ſhall be found in any wiſe negligent or unfaithful in the ſame; ſo are We no leſs graciouſly determined at the End of their reſpective Voyages, to Teſtifie by ſome eſpecial Inſtance of Our Bounty (beyond what is hereby already ſo Extraordinarily provided for them) Our particular Regard to whoever of Our ſaid Commanders ſhall appear to have merited the ſame from Us, by any ſignal Inſtances of their Induſtry, Courage, Conduct or Frugality evidenced therein on Our behalf. Given at Our Court at *Windſor* this 15*th.* day of *July* 1686.

By His Majeſties Command.

S. PEPYS.

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& other encouragements to
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